

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 8, please replace the paragraph which begins with line 3 and ends with line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

Each tray 24, as shown in Fig. 3, has a bottom wall 26, inner and outer end walls 28 and ~~30~~ 29 shaped to abut and extend along the rim and sidewalls 30 which, in their lower regions, abut the end walls 22 defining the particular pocket 20 in which the tray is placed. In the preferred embodiment, the trays are made of a suitable moldable plastic of the type typically used for food containers, such as molded polyethylene or molded polypropylene. The corners where the various walls meet are rounded into each other to provide radiused edges.

On page 10, please replace the paragraph which begins with line 29 and ends with line 32, with the following amended paragraph:

Another aspect of the invention resides in making the trays ~~nestable~~ nestable once the lids have been detached. Accordingly, they are sized and shaped to stack together in a nested relation so that the trays may be placed together in the freezer.

On page 13, please replace the paragraph which begins with line 6 and ends with line 26, with the following amended paragraph:

In order to chill the cavities ~~80~~ 88 and 100 and the food stored within such cavities, a cooling medium is poured into the cavity ~~88~~ 80 of the lower housing 72 up to the fill line 82. The cooling medium may comprise any fluid-like substance capable of imparting a cooling effect, but preferably comprises a mixture of water and ice. Chilled water can also be used, although the presence of ice tends to keep the water cool longer as its melt. With the cavity 80 filled to the fill line 82 by the water and ice mixture, the upper housing 84 is then mounted on the lower housing

72 where the peripheral rim 86 snap fits over the peripheral rim 78. As the upper housing 84 is mounted over the lower housing 72, the central cavity 88 and the peripheral cavities 100 which extend downwardly from the peripheral rim 78 of the lower housing 72 extend into and displace the water and ice mixture within the cavity 80 in the lower housing 72. The water level rises from the fill line 82 to a displaced level 118 shown in Fig. 7. With the water and ice mixture at the displaced level 118, the bottom wall 92 and substantial portions of the cylindrical sidewall 90 of the central cavity 88 are exposed to the water and ice mixture, as shown in Fig. 7. This imparts a substantial cooling effect to the central cavity 88 and to the compartments 96 and 98 therein. At the same time, the water and ice contact a bottom wall 120 of each of the peripheral cavities 100 as well as substantial portions of the sidewalls 102, 104, 106 and 108 thereof, as shown in Fig. 7. This also imparts a substantial cooling effect to the peripheral cavities 100.